Title: Need to grant approval to Kehmil multipurpose project in J&K. − Laid.

SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN (BARAMULLA): Kehmil Nallah Tributary of river Jhelam is flowing from Kazinag to join river Jhelam after joining another Nallah called Puhru. The area of 32 km. in which Kehmil plays havoc, right and left, has undergone a big loss due to the floods. Every year this rivulet is grabbing hundreds of acres of land and rendering it useless from the next farming year. The constant habit of Kehmil, changing its course, year after year has made that beautiful portion of Kashmir valley ugly and unproductive.

I urge upon the Government to give approval to the multipurpose Kehmil project so that embankment of Kehmil becomes a reality and thereby the reclamation of vast area of land and generation of power through a mini hydel project becomes possible. This project can also give promotion to tourism and recognition of Bungus Valley will also become possible. Thus the benefits of this multipurpose project can address the employment problem to a great extent in that area of Kupwara District.